Letter to Police Commissioners
(Attachment 3)

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Dear Mr. Commissioner:

As you undoubtedly know, President Johnson has established this Commission to report upon the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Commission has embarked upon an examination of the actual events involved, and the general arrangements for safeguarding the President. In the latter connection, the Commission has determined to inquire of a representative group of state and local law enforcement agencies as to their procedures for safeguarding the President or other important visitors.

The Commission would very much appreciate being furnished any materials in the following categories:

(a) Any memorandum or study, which existed at the time of the assassination of President Kennedy, pertaining to arrangements for safeguarding the President or other important visitors.

(b) Any written description, which existed at the time of the assassination, of criteria employed in determining what information coming to the attention of your Police Department should be furnished to the United States Secret Service.

(c) Any written description, which existed at the time of the assassination, of the procedures employed by your Police Department in carrying out liaison with the Secret Service in connection with safeguarding the President.

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(d) Any memorandum or study of the matters covered in (a), (b), or (c) above, which has been prepared since the assassination of President Kennedy, including any consideration of any change in such arrangements, criteria, or procedures.

To the extent that written materials do not now exist with respect to these matters, it would be of invaluable assistance to the Commission if a written report or reports thereon could be prepared and made available.

In addition, the Commission would appreciate a formal statement of your recommendations regarding the entire matter of Presidential security. As you know, it is possible that the Commission may wish eventually to make certain recommendations regarding this problem. We are interested, of course, in having the benefit of your experience as we consider various aspects of the problem.

I recognize that the information requested in this letter requires the most careful and secure treatment. The Commission would be pleased to discuss any suggestions you may have as to security precautions you would want to observe in making the data available to the Commission. You may want to designate a representative with whom the General Counsel of the Commission, Mr. J. Lee Rankin, or members of his staff, may discuss any matter relating to the Commission's work.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to thank you for the assistance I know you will give our important task.

Sincerely,

Chairman

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